

GAVIN CUP WRAP UP

DOOBIE & BILL

Saturdays in Geneva are known as moving days. This is the round where the serious Gavin Cup contenders separate from the pretenders. The best movement of the day for some is their early morning bowel movement. That was not the case for Rick Jonas. Saturday, July 25, 2026, will be a day long remembered.

The foul up at the Geneva course forced the Scramble to tee off at 7:00 in the morning on the bail out track at Maple Ridge. Perhaps delaying the normal round until 2:00 PM was the reason for Rick's record-breaking round. The extra time gave him the chance to get his mind in his most productive state. Stepping on the first tee in his usual woman beater T-shirt, Rick proceeded to conquer the Geneva course much easier than Sherman's march through Atlanta. It was truly Christmas in July. The Doobie Brother shot a Geneva Open record of 64, consisting of 9 birdies and 1 bogey. He led his team on a charge that captured the lead by 6 shots heading into the final day. Rick was not the only member of the team smoking. Bill Boggess toured the Geneva 18 holes in 85 strokes, a net of 11 under par. That is remarkable for a guy who played one round of golf since last Geneva. The back surgery of last October had not completely healed and the pain would only allow him to walk around 100 yards at a time without rest. Bill was not sure he could play before Friday's Manakiki round. The taxi of the golf cart was his salvation and hero. His play gave the field a pain in the ass.

They followed Saturday with another good performance on Sunday, but striking the ball 14 more times than the previous day. Still, plenty good enough to win. Their posted score of 41 under par was impressive. They finished 8 shots better than the 2nd place duo. Truly a good three days of golf. The record book shows Rick and Bill was only 6 strokes off Berger and Pagnanelli's top score in 2025.

I would like to take this opportunity to rant. As proud as Pags was to win the Gavin Cup in 2025, the Misses treated the trophy as if it belonged in Sanford and Son's Junk Dealership. Mrs. Pags spent the last year looking for places to hide this beautiful piece of furniture. A shout out to Mrs. Marshall and Mrs. McGuckin for giving the trophy the respect and reverence it deserves during their year of care. Knowing what the trophy meant to hubby, who earned the right to showcase his accomplishment, you would think that Mrs. Pags would be proud of her man's winning performance. Let's look at this picture from the view of stiletto heels instead of golf spikes. Say Mrs. Pagnanelli won first prize in the Women's Auxiliary Baking Contest and proudly displayed her winning ribbon on a kitchen shelf for all to see, would Pags try to hide it? He dares not. I rest my case.

Before I close this piece on the Gavin Cup, I would like to comment on the 2nd place finishers. Dick Plageman and Greg Gudenkauf played a good three rounds. It seems every year, Dickie collects for his Gavin Cup play. He won the trophy in the past including his first year attending the event. Many other years, his team finished in the money. Matching with him is usually financially beneficial. Collecting 3rd place money was the twosome of Richie Heskett and Jamie Vernon. Richie is the other Doobie Brother. There must be some magic in their corn cob pipe.

The Gavin Cup Trophy is proudly on display around Ironton, Ohio in Bill Boggess' possession. Rick Jonas lives in Central Florida. The trophy is getting around. The high-flying performance of Rick and Bill will be admired in a couple different portions of these United States. Can they better their golf in 2027? They will get their chance as the Champs will be back to defend their title.